

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 838

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Lindsey Armstrong as a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Armstrong is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of her laudable commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, a senior at Bradley Central High School, Ms. Armstrong established The Family Kitchen, a non-profit agency to help feed the homeless of Cleveland, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Armstrong was first inspired to start the soup kitchen after sharing her breakfast with a homeless woman, who revealed that there was no place for her to obtain meals on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Armstrong began by giving out muffins to the homeless in Johnson Park, but she quickly discovered that the need was much greater and received permission to operate a soup kitchen at a local Salvation Army facility; and

WHEREAS, with the support of her parents and two other families, The Family Kitchen has grown over the past year from feeding fifteen people initially to now feeding 100 to 300 people every Saturday; and

WHEREAS, although the Armstrong family has no source of outside funding for their endeavor, their enthusiasm is unwavering, and they have faced many challenges in order to continue their mission to better their community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Armstrong hopes to continue to build The Family Kitchen with the eventual goal of being able to serve three meals a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Lindsey Armstrong is a model citizen, and her commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Lindsey Armstrong for her outstanding community leadership, congratulate her as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.